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(2S)-3-(4-{2-[AMINO]-2-  
OXOETHOXY} PHENYL)-2-  
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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.